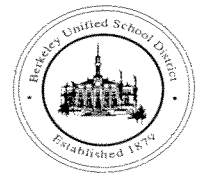


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**Principal**  
Rita Kimball

September 29, 2012

To the Parents/Guardians at Washington Elementary School:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that our school has been identified as a Program Improvement (PI) school under the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001. It is now a PI Year 1 school.

**What is PI?**

NCLB requires the state and district to review annually the academic progress of federally funded Title I schools and to identify schools in need of improvement. These schools are identified as PI schools after two consecutive years of not making adequate yearly progress (AYP). California determines AYP by considering the following four measures:

- The percentage of students scoring at the "proficient" or "advanced" level on the California Standards Tests (CST) for English-language arts and mathematics, called Annual Measureable Objectives (AMOs)
- The percentage of students participating in those tests
- The graduation rate for high schools
- California's own accountability measurement of progress, the Academic Performance Index (API)

**Why is our school identified as PI?**

Washington did not meet all the AYP criteria in the 2011-2012. It did not meet the CST criteria in English Language Arts and Mathematics. The school's Accountability Progress Report may be obtained from the school or on the California Department of Education (CDE) Web site starting October 11, 2012 at <http://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/APR/APRSearchName.asp?TheYear=&cTopic=AYP&cLevel=School&cName=berkeley&cCounty=&cTimeFrame=S>

**Public school choice: What right does a parent have to request a transfer to a school that is not in PI?**

All parents/guardians of students attending a PI school in Year 1 or more have the right to request a transfer of their children to a non-PI school that has been identified by the district. Malcolm X Elementary School has been identified as the school choice option. Parents who select the school choice option will be provided transportation. Limitations exist on the amount of funding available for transportation and should the demand for transportation necessary to provide school choice exceed funds available, priority will be given to lowest achieving, low-income students. To request a choice application, please call Jesse Montiel in the Office of Curriculum and Instruction at (510) 486-9364.

You can get involved in our school improvement efforts by participating in your school's PTA, School Governance Council, and English Language Advisory Committee. Please feel free to call me and/or visit the school.

Sincerely,

Rita Kimball, Principal